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TAGS: PGOV, PINR, ECIN, KE

SUBJECT: NEW CABINET POSITION CREATED FOR EX-MINISTER OF EAC

1. PRESIDENT KENYATTA ON JULY 18 EXERCISED PRESIDENTIAL PREROGATIVE BY APPOINTING DR. ROBERT JOHN OUKO AS A NOMINATED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND SWEORE HIM INTO THE CABINET AS MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE KENYAN CIVIL SERVICE. OUKO WAS PREVIOUSLY EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY MINISTER FOR COMMON MARKET AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE JOINED THE COMMUNITY IN JULY 1969 AS MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION. OUKO'S APPOINTMENT RAISES TO 22 THE NUMBER OF KENYAN CABINET MINISTERS.

2. OUKO WAS THE HIGHEST RANKING KENYAN IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. HIS APPOINTMENT AS A KENYAN CABINET MINISTER APPEARS TO SIGNIFY KENYATTA'S ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF KENYA'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EAC AND DECISION TO GO IT ALONE.

3. APPOINTMENT OF OUKO GIVES LUO TRIBE ONE ADDITIONAL SEAT IN THE CABINET, BRINGING REPRESENTATION OF THIS  
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KEY TRIBE TO THREE SEATS. OUKO'S BACKGROUND IS PRIMARILY THAT OF A CIVIL SERVANT; HIS DOMESTIC POLITICAL ORIENTATION IS NOT KNOWN.

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